



Asoka's Dhamma

“He was perhaps the first emperor in history of India who tried to establish a Buddhist polity by implementing the Dasa Raja Dharma or the ten precepts outlined by Lord Buddha himself as the duty of a perfect ruler.”

[Ashoka the Great Biography - Life History, Facts, Administration & Dhamma \(culturalindia.net\)](http://culturalindia.net)

The perfect ruler:

1. To be liberal and avoid _____
2. To maintain a high _____ character
3. To be prepared to sacrifice one's own _____ for the well-being of the subjects
4. To be _____ and maintain absolute _____
5. To be kind and _____
6. To lead a _____ life for the subjects to emulate
7. To be free from _____ of any kind
8. To exercise _____
9. To practise _____
10. To respect public _____ to promote _____ and harmony

GENTLE	HATRED	HONEST
INTEGRITY	MORAL	NON-VIOLENCE
OPINION	PATIENCE	PEACE
PLEASURE	SELFISHNESS	SIMPLE

Based on the above 10 principles preached by Lord Buddha, Asoka dictated the practice of Dhamma that became the backbone of his administration.



Solutions to Worksheet OR-B544: Asoka's Dhamma

1. To be liberal and avoid selfishness
2. To maintain a high moral character
3. To be prepared to sacrifice one's own pleasure for the well-being of the subjects
4. To be honest and maintain absolute integrity
5. To be kind and gentle
6. To lead a simple life for the subjects to emulate
7. To be free from hatred of any kind
8. To exercise non-violence
9. To practise patience
10. To respect public opinion to promote peace and harmony